Leech Lake Partners with Red Cross for Disaster Relief

By Kayla Duoos

Last week, six Leech Lake Band members completed the first steps of their training to join the American Red Cross in North Carolina to aid in Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Thanks to Leech Lake’s newly established partnership with the longstanding non-profit, the first meeting for volunteers was held last Friday afternoon in the tribal chambers. Red Cross Program Disaster Manager, Tony Guerra led the training alongside Red Cross volunteer Ken Vertin.

“This partnership is the first of its kind for the Red Cross—we haven't done anything like this with a tribe before,” said Guerra. What makes Leech Lake’s partnership one of a kind are the special clauses within the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), which was approved by the Leech Lake Tribal Council on July 30 of this year.

In addition to free training and developmental opportunities, the MOU states that “LLBO employees actively participating in the Leech Lake American Red Cross Chapter will be allowed annually to deploy as an American Red Cross volunteer to disasters and take 2 weeks of Administrative Leave with their supervisor’s approval.” A clause that has yet to be featured in any tribal agreement with the non-profit outside of Leech Lake.

Other tribes throughout Indian Country have also engaged in disaster relief efforts. Recently, the Cherokee Nation deployed their water rescue team to North Carolina.

Guerra hopes this agreement will prompt other tribes to follow Leech Lake’s lead.

He hopes to eventually form a special task force within the Red Cross dedicated to aiding other tribes who are affected by natural disasters, such as the Lumbee tribe in North Carolina who are currently in the path of Hurricane Florence.

“You know at the end of the day, it's coming down to people taking care of their people, and that’s always been a goal of this project for me and the council” he says.

If you’d like to get involved with the Leech Lake Red Cross Chapter, you can check out: redcross.org/local/minnesota/volunteer
Solar Panels, LED Lighting installed as part of the “Guaranteed Energy Savings Program”

Leech Lake is investing $4.2 million in energy-efficient installations to make way for a greener and more sustainable reservation.

The new energy control measures being placed in 22 buildings across the reservation come from the fruitful efforts of the Guaranteed Energy Savings Program (GESP), an executive order signed by Governor Dayton in 2011 to help state agencies and local governments upgrade infrastructure. Tribal officials and the Division of Resource Management (DRM) have partnered on the project since its inception and believes this project is a key component in strengthening tribal sovereignty for the foreseeable future.

“This project is going to be big. It’s going to be scary, but here’s the kicker: it’s guaranteed. The money we put into this is money we’re earning back,” said Toft. “The savings we’ll have in energy will far outweigh any cost and will continue to benefit the tribe for years to come.”

The project’s large price tag is guaranteed to be paid back within 14.2 years and will save the tribe $207,000 per year in energy payments, according to Toft. The updates to the buildings will come in various forms, including switching fluorescent to LED bulbs, replacing heating systems and installing solar panels at the LBO Government Center in Cass Lake and the Northern Lights Casino.

“At the end of the day, it’s all about energy conservation—less pollution, less mercury in our water,” added Toft. “You get a confidence knowing that you’re making a change, and knowing that the government is leading this endeavor. Together we’re making progress towards our goals.”

The energy-control measures currently being installed are set to be finished by late November with the project’s official end date set for early March.
Notice of Intent to begin rule making for Forest Management Directives

Submitted by Ben Benoit, Leech Lake Division of Resource Management Environmental Director

Are you satisfied with the way our forests are being managed? Let your voice be heard. The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management has been directed to begin a rulemaking process for managing the forest and wants your input.

For years the Chippewa National Forest (CNF) and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (LLBO) have been meeting to discuss management of CNF lands to ensure the management undertaken protects the Reserved Rights and the cultural practices of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe that are tied to the land and availability of resources. LLBO has expressed a desire to return forest conditions, to the extent possible, to pre-European settlement conditions and Range of Natural Variability, which is the balance of old and young trees that would occur naturally. Certainly, we realize this is not feasible overnight, however by setting current forest management on a trajectory that addresses holistic ecological management, an expression of this desire can be achieved.

A step to address this broader vision was to formulate some basic management priorities. These guiding principles became the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe-Desired Vegetative Conditions (DVC’s). These 8 DVCs are designed to be included in the purpose and need section of documents where decisions are made that manage the forest. While the DVCs are founded through work with the CNF they are applicable across all land managers who have forested land within Leech Lake Reservation. While agencies may hold land within the boundaries, the property rights of resources on those lands rest with the Leech Lake Band as established in the 1971 Herbst case. Inclusion of the DVC’s ensures that projects within the Leech Lake Reservation (LLR) are fulfilling the Trust Responsibility the Forest Service is tasked to uphold and protects the resources that Leech Lake Band retains property rights of. The DVC’s focus on ecological goals and ensuring that cultural and environmental justice is prioritized on LLR.

Public Comment period is from August 15 through November 12 and will be accepted at the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management. There will be community meetings held in each district in early October to present the proposed rule and accept comments. Community meeting information will be released when dates are finalized. Questions and comments can be directed to Ben Benoit, Environmental Director at 335-7421 or Benjamin.Benoit@llojibwe.org. Additional information available on the DRM website located at: http://www.llojibwe.org/llbo/.

Public Comment period has ended and comments are addressed, a final rulemaking package will be presented to RTC for final approval.

The above figure describes the proposed rulemaking process that was approved by Tribal Council on July 10, 2018. These final rules would be a directive to the DRM to manage forests, and provide governance for other agencies to follow as they do forest work within the boundaries of Leech Lake Reservation. Once public comment period has ended and comments are addressed, a final rulemaking package will be presented to RTC for final approval.

Desired Vegetative Conditions

LLDVC-1 Increase blocks of ecologically functioning old growth stands

LLDVC-2 Protection of Scenic Corridors (Road Corridors, rivers, lakes, Old Growth Rec. sites)

LLDVC-3 Impacts to TES/TCP’s are impacts to Tribes cultural Identity

LLDVC-4 Maintain and Protect Diverse Hardwoods stands

LLDVC-5 Protecting the cultural integrity of the LLBO

LLDVC-6 Aspen Initiative - reduce aspen promote other species

LLDVC-7 Restore ecologically functioning conifer systems

LLDVC-8 Implementation must correspond with approved action

Four DVCs focus on ecological management of the forest. The intent of the ecological DVCs, when tied together, is to achieve forest conditions more reflective of historical range of natural variation. To achieve this and allow for ecological old-growth characteristics, the gradation of stand ages needs to occur from age zero to their respective ecological rotation ages, based on, for example, historic disturbance regimes, to truly allow this function to occur.

This overabundance of aspen lends itself towards conversion to other species. Some of this conversion can be allowing a stand to naturally succeed to other species (with reforestation assistance in the understory where a seed source is depleted). Some of this work may require harvest and conversion to achieve an appropriate percentage of other species that have been displaced.

Hardwoods (DVC4)—In general most hardwood stands are later successional and require protection so the process isn’t restarted. It is our intention to provide guidance for management actions that would promote range of natural variation within these ecological communities with a priority given to maintain in an older age class condition. Some hardwood stands are best maintained by allowing them to naturally maintain themselves. Other stands will require on-going work to achieve old-growth characteristics and a natural range of variation.
Tribal Council Members Visit Operation Walking Shield

The U.S. Army, in partnership with The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Cass Lake Indian Health Service, worked together to provide various medical services this past month, from July 10 through July 19, to the local community within Leech Lake Indian Reservation. Services provided by military personnel were done as part of the Department of Defense’s Innovative Readiness Training, a civil-military program that builds mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. communities and the DoD to meet training & readiness requirements for Active, Guard and Reserve service members while addressing public and civil society needs.

On July 18 members of the Leech Lake Tribal Council had the opportunity to visit Bug O Nay Ge Shig School, the base of operations for this year’s Operation Walking Shield, to get a first-hand look at the important services provided to the community, at zero cost. Medical services provided included general exams, school exams and physicals, and general nutritional counseling. Dental services provided included exams, x-rays, extractions and fillings. Since health services began on July 10, the entire medical team has seen a total of more than 200 patients, providing more than 1,225 different services throughout the health and wellness clinic. The dental team has seen 136 patients, completing hundreds of needed dental procedures. The optometry section has provided 100 comprehensive eye exams for patients since the mission began.

Approximately 40 medical professionals including Doctors, Nurses, Practitioners, Dentists, Dental Technicians, and Combat Medics assigned to the 7218th Medical Support Unit, out of Louisville, Kentucky, were made available to Leech Lake and the surrounding areas.

The Bezhigoogahbow Library at Leech Lake Tribal College has been the recipient of a donation of the republication of the Native American Indian series by Edward S. Curtis. Curtis, who set out to record western Native American Tribal life at the beginning of the twentieth century, published his work in 20 volumes of text and photos, along with 20 volumes of portfolio prints. The Christopher Cardozo Fine Art Gallery of Minneapolis undertook the first custom republication of the series. According to the CCFA website “each book is hand bound in bonded leather with archival linen-finished paper, and gilded with the highest artisan bookmaking standards”.

Multiple grants from private foundations provided the funding for donations to numerous tribal libraries across the Midwest. Leech Lake Tribal College and White Earth Tribal and Community College received a set of these amazing limited editions. Along with the 20-volume set of books were 5 portfolio books including 723 prints. Curtis’s photographs are known worldwide by their sepia-tone, and often the haunting intensity of expression by the subjects.

The Bezhigoogahbow Library hopes to engage students and community in the beauty and knowledge contained in the Curtis Collection. The books will be stored in the College’s archive room under climate and humidity controlled conditions, and will be available for study by appointment. One volume will be on rotating display in the Library.

Christopher Cardozo, publisher, is recognized as the world’s leading authority on Edward Curtis. Leech Lake Tribal College will plan a presentation event with Mr. Cardozo in the spring of 2019.

The Leech Lake Tribal College is a two-year degree granting institution open to the public, but mainly serving the population of the Leech Lake Area. Approximately 10% of the student population is non-Native. Degree programs include: Business Management, Early Childhood Education, Indigenous Leadership, Liberal Education, Liberal Education – STEM, Forest Ecology, Law Enforcement, and Integrated Residential Builder. The Leech Lake Tribal College was named the #1 Community College in the nation by WalletHub in their recent 2017 rankings. WalletHub’s analysts compared more than 700 community colleges across 14 key indicators of cost and quality and Leech Lake Tribal College came out on top.
Minnesota’s Suicide Prevention Resources

At a time when Suicide has been rising in the State of Minnesota, the MN Suicide Hotline will no longer be in service to take those very important calls for help from Minnesotans after June 30, 2018. From a news report from Bill Hudson on June 6, 2018, the hotline experience funding issues and was declined funding through the State.

The Minnesota Suicide Prevention Hotline was also known as txt4life. When a person in need texted “Life” to 61222, a person would be at the other end ready to talk/text with this person in crisis, and if texting was not an option the number 1-866-379-6363 was used.

This very important resource has been introduced and stressed throughout our community for the past three years as a tool for those in need to communicate and reach out for help, unfortunately this resource will be gone by the end of the month.

In February of this year a group of individuals from the Leech Lake Health Division, Leech Lake Behavioral Health and the Cass Lake IHS Service Unit attended a training on Zero Suicide in Bloomington, MN.

The Zero Suicide Model aims to improve health care and outcomes for individuals at risk of suicide seen in healthcare systems. This model will also assist health and behavioral health care organizations in developing and implementing a Zero Suicide approach.

This group from the Leech Lake Reservation is now called the “Leech Lake Caring Partners.” This group meets monthly to discuss ways to change and implement the Zero Suicide Model within the three organizations above. Also included in the Leech Lake Caring Partners is: LLTPD, Bug-O-Nay-Ge Shig staff, Cass Lake Bena ALC, Middle & High School staff, LL Ambulance and various professionals within the Cass Lake IHS service Unit. Suicide is preventable!

Warning signs someone might be at risk:
• Talking about wanting to die or killing oneself.
• Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or purchasing a gun.
• Talking about feelings of hopelessness or having no purpose.
• Talking about feeling trapped, a burden to others, or being in unbearable pain.
• Increasing use of alcohol or drugs.
• Acting increasingly anxious or agitated.
• Sleeping too little or too much.
• Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
• Displaying extreme mood swings.

If you are in crisis and need help, here are resources you can use: The State of Minnesota has had and will continue to have 24/7 crisis services available across the state, available both by phone and in person by calling the appropriate county crisis phone number. A list of numbers can be found at: http://mn.state/dhs/crisis

Crisis Text Line is a text-based crisis line available 24/7. Text MN to 741741

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline will continue to be available without interruption at 800-273-TALK (8255)


Beltrami & Hubbard County Crisis Line, Mobile Crisis Team 1-800-422-0045 24 Hours/7 Days a Week. http://hopehousebemidji.org/services%20pg4.htm

Itasca County 218-326-8565

Local Resources:
• Leech Lake Tribal Police – 218-335-8277.
• Leech Lake Behavioral Health – 218-335-3050.
• Cass Lake Indian Health Service – 218-335-3200.
• Leech Lake Health Division – 218-335-4500
• Call 911 (We want to put this number last, we want to get people out of the mindset of always calling 911 when we have other resources that are better equipped to help someone in a mental health crisis.)

What you can do to help:
• Provide support.
• Talk about suicide.
• Reduce access to means of self-harm.
• Follow-up with loved ones, let them know you care.

For more information and local resources call Karen Anoka, Leech Lake Health Division Behavioral Health Case Manager: 218-335-7211 or email karen.anoka@llojibwe.org.
Culture Camp at Bug O Nay Ge Shig

The Bug O Nay Ge Shig Culture Camp was a huge success this week with approximately 100 students attending each day. Activities included black ash baskets, birchbark work, moccasin game, lacrosse, beadwork projects, drumming, dancing, and other cultural activities. Culture Camp is held every summer at the school.

Students at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School enjoyed a field trip to Mud Goose Lake and set up a ricing camp. They had the opportunity to go ricing, cook bannock, perform computations involving the rice, and learn the of the importance of sacred manoomin to the Ojibwe people.

These Niigaane students are in Grades 2 - 3. Niigaane is our Ojibwe language school located on the Bug O Nay Ge Shig campus. Our students learn Ojibwe and English. They receive their academic instruction in math and science in Ojibwemowin. We are fortunate to have three elders that work with staff and students in an effort to retain our language and culture. Our elders, Steve Jackson, Leona Wakanabo and Geraldine Howard, are first speakers of our language from childhood.

Our Grade 2 - 6 students built this large scale diorama to depict the change of seasons and weather elements. They also set up a village-complete with old style wigwams (that they constructed), rivers, lakes, trees, plants, animals, birds and people.
Notice to Leech Lake Band Members

Recently the Leech Lake Division of Resource Management has been working with the Chippewa National Forest to recognize the reserved treaty rights of Band Members to freely camp on federally managed campsites within the Leech Lake Reservation. The Forest Service in recognition of these rights has opened all Forest Service campgrounds within the Leech Lake Reservation for free use by all Band members and resident Indians. Many of the sites within these campgrounds require an online reservation; this article is to clarify.

All federal agencies use www.recreation.gov to manage campsite reservations. The USFS is no exception so the path to getting a campsite begins there. On the website, search for the campground and select the campsite that you are interested in reserving. Once the campsite is selected you can view the availability and plan the length of your excursion.

Using the campground name, campsite number and dates of stay you can fill out the form and turn it in to the DRM or any one of the Forest Service offices that provide the form. Once the form is received it will be passed to the appropriate USFS staff that can block out the reservation on the website. This process may take several days and you will be contacted to confirm the reservation was made or if questions arise. This form is available at: USFS Supervisor’s Office in Cass Lake, Deer River Ranger Office, Walker Ranger Office, Black Duck Ranger Office, Division of Resource Management Office or can be printed on the Leech Lake DRM website http://www.llojibwe.org/drm/index.html

The only federally managed campground that is exempt from this process currently is the Winnie Dam campground as it managed through the Army Corps of Engineers. Work has begun to allow the same opportunity at that campsite as well as all the others within the Leech Lake Reservation.

Although use of the campsites is free and we are exempt from the length of stay rules, we should behave responsibly and remember that responsible use of all our resources will keep these campsites clean and available for sever generations.

If you have questions or comments please contact the Leech Lake Environmental Director, Ben Benoit at (218) 335-7417.

Register to Vote before October 16!
Federal/State elections take place Tuesday, November 6

Voter Participation

Native American voting rates are among the lowest of all racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. Almost two out of five eligible Native Americans are not registered to vote. Even among registered Native voters, the turnout rate is 5 to 14 percentage points lower than that of other racial and ethnic groups.

It is imperative that we stand up and make our voices heard in local, state and federal elections!

Voter Registration

You must be:
• A U.S. citizen
• At least 18 years old on Election Day
• A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
• Finished with all parts of any felony sentence

How to Register

You must register by Tuesday, October 16 or you will need to register on Election Day!

Register online: https://www.leechlakenews.com/bhx4
You will need: an email address, MN Driver’s License or ID Card or Last 4 digits of SSN

Register on Paper: https://www.leechlakenews.com/2ktm
Download, Print and fill out the MN Voter Registration Application. Drop off at your county election office or Mail to:
Secretary of State
60 Empire Dr.
Suite 100
Saint Paul, MN 55103

*Voters who register in advance DO NOT need to show identification on Election Day

Register on Election Day

You will need one of the following:
• ID with current name and address; or
• Valid Minnesota ID or Valid Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature
• Photo ID AND a document with current name and address; or
• List of Approved photo IDs (The ID can be expired):
  • Driver’s license, state ID or learner’s permit issued by any state | U.S. Passport
  • U.S. Military or Veteran ID | Tribal ID with name, signature and photo | Minnesota university, college or technical college ID | Minnesota high school ID
• Approved documents (Can be shown on electronic device):
  • Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election. Includes: Phone, TV or internet | Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas or water | Banking or credit card | Rent or mortgage | Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day | Current student fee statement
• Registered voter who can confirm your address

Early/Absentee Voting Information

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is proud to announce that the Tribal Headquarters will once again serve as an official Absentee Ballot Location for the following precincts: Cass Lake, Pike Bay Township, Wilkinson Township, Bena*, Federal Dam*, Gould Township*, Ottertail Peninsula Township*, Sucker Lakes*, Winnie Portage Lakes*.

From September 21 - November 5, 2018, voters who live in the listed townships may vote early for the General Election.

Voters not pre-registered, residing in mail ballot precincts marked with * may vote at the location listed or at the Cass County Courthouse prior to Election day, or at Cass Lake City Hall on Election day. For more information contact: Leslie Harper, 190 Sailstar Dr NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633, phone: 218.335.8246
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VETERANS MEMORIAL GROUNDS
Walter Smith

Walter Steven Smith, Sr., age 77, of Walker, MN passed away peacefully on Monday, June 25, 2018 under the loving care of the Good Samaritan Society in Pine River, MN. He was born June 6, 1941 in Pine Point, MN in Shingobee Township to Joseph Harold Smith and Mary (Gould) Smith. He attended school at Walker, MN before entering the military in 1958. He was stationed in Germany while serving in the US Army.

Over the years, Walter worked at different places before initially retiring in 2004 from Northern Lights Casino. He later returned to joke around and tease everyone which to working at Northern Lights as a security officer and finally retired in 2014. He was a member of St. Agnes Church. He enjoyed fishing, working on cars, and watching car races. He especially enjoyed time spent with his children and grandchildren.

“Walt” was a very likeable man, was known to joke around and tease everyone which made him especially fun to be around. He made us all laugh. He was an honest and generous (often too generous) man who helped people when he could. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Walter will be forever remembered by his two daughters, Heidi (Doug) Orton and Shirley Taylor from his first marriage to Diane; one daughter, Julie Bruce, and his stepchildren, Dyana (Mikey) Bruce and Steven (Cheryl) Bruce from his second marriage to Susie; and a son, Walter Smith, Jr. (Wally), from his partner, Harriett; his grandchildren Courtney Taylor, Brandon Taylor, Jasmine Taylor, DesMarie Pritchard, Danny Pritchard, JaeMarie Nordmarken; step grandchildren Anthony Bushy, Andrea Bushy, Andrew Bushy, Andretti Bushy, Andres Bushy, Steven Bruce, Jr, Josie Bruce, James Bruce, and Jessica Orton as well as many step great grandchildren; and one sister Dorothy (Gaylor) Walswick. He is also survived by the children of his late former wife, Linda, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Mary, his brothers, Donald, Snuffy, and Abbott, and his sisters, Shirley, Joanne, and Mary Jo as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

We thank those who called and visited Dad while he was in the hospital and nursing facility. We also thank the many doctors and nurses at the various hospitals that kept him going. We sincerely thank the team at Good Samaritan for taking care of him and giving him a home away from home. We would also like to thank the Northern Peace Funeral Home, Father Tim Lange, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as well as friends and family for assisting with the arrangements. We thank God for blessing us with the time we had with him. We thank you, Dad, for fighting and hanging in there, we know you did it for us. We love you!

A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Walker, MN. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, July 2, 2018, at Northern Peace Funeral Home, 114 Tianna Drive, Walker, MN, and a one-hour visitation prior to Mass at the church. Father Timothy Lange will officiate. Pallbearers for Walter will be Walter Smith, Jr., Samuel Smith, Ron Cournoyer, Brandon Taylor, Steven Bruce, Jr., and Mikey Rice. Honorary pallbearers are all of Walter’s family and friends. A private inurnment of his ashes will be held at a later date. A celebration of Walter’s life will be held after the services on Tuesday afternoon at the Community Center in Onigum.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Good Samaritan Society, 518 Jefferson Ave., Pine River, MN 56474

Knowing how we always hated saying goodbye to him, he would tell us ‘Later!’ so today we say to you Dad, Grandpa, “See you later!”

Walter’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Carol Jones

Carol Ann Jones, age 53, of the Bear Clan and Cass Lake, Minnesota began her journey home on Thursday, August 2, 2018 in Fargo, North Dakota. Carol was born in Sawyer, MN on March 9, 1965, she was the youngest of six children born to Rose (LaRose) and Mervel Jones II.

Carol lived and grew up in the Cass Lake area. Unfortunately, she lost her parents at a very young age. During her teenage years, she left home and moved to Minneapolis, where she lived for many years. During her time there, she met and fell in love with Terrance DeMarr. Together they had six children. Carol was a stay at home mother, as she enjoyed being with and loved taking care of her family. Eventually her path in life led her back home to Cass Lake. Carol enjoyed various activities. Among her favorites were playing Cleopatra Keno at the Casino, Candy Crush and Bingo Blitz. Her number one, above all else, was spending as much time as she could with her grandchildren.

Family that Carol is reunited with are her parents; Rose and Mervel Jones II, siblings; Mervel “Tiger” Jones III, Veronica Jones and Sandra Woodward, nephews; Pete, Jesse, Cory, Manomin and Xavier and her special sister; Chrissy Woodward.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her children; Daniel Jones of Inger, Rosalie Jones of Boy Lake, Terrance (Ash) Jones, Sr. of Cass Lake, Crystal Jones of Bemidji, Elizabeth (Matt Bryan) Jones of Cass Lake and Diana (Alex) Jones of Cass Lake, sister; Diana Bakke of Taylors Falls, WI, brother; Tom Jones of Cass Lake, 27 grandkids, numerous other relatives and many friends.

A wake for Carol will begin at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 8 and continue until her 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, August 10 all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Pallbearers for Carol are Rosalie Jones, Tonya Jones, Roxanne Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Crystal Jones, Caitlin Roy, Vyvell Jones and Diana Jones. Alternate pallbearer is Anna Drouillard. Her honorary pallbearers are all her family and close friends. Interment will be in the Prince of Peace Cemetery following her service.

Carol’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family maybe left at www.northernpeace.com

Sidney Lincoln

Sidney Robert Lincoln age 70, passed away on July 7, 2018 at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Sidney was born on September 15, 1947 in Cass Lake, Minnesota to Mary Lincoln. After high school he served in the US Army with two tours in Vietnam and later worked as a welder for most of his life until retirement.

Sidney is survived by one son Jared Lincoln and numerous other family and friends. A wake for Sidney will begin on Monday, July 9, at 5:00 PM and will continue until the traditional funeral service on Tuesday, July 10, at 10:00 AM in the Onigum Community Center, Onigum, Minnesota.
The spiritual leader will be Steve Jackson and the pallbearers for Sidney will be Ricky Jackson, Joey Connors, Jared Lincoln and Charles Oothoudt. Burial will be in Old Agency Cemetery, Onigum, Minnesota. Arrangements have been entrusted to Dennis Funeral Home, Walker, Minnesota.

**Michael Bellanger**

Michael “Mjay” John Bellanger, “Maiingan” which means “Wolf” young age of 35, of the Bear Clan and lifelong resident of Cass Lake, Minnesota passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, September 7, 2018. Michael was born on Cass Lake, MN on March 4, 1983, the son of Helen Carlson and James Bellanger.

Michael had a huge sense of humor. He loved to make people laugh and smile, always lighting up a room with his presence, regardless of how much pain he was in. He had a heart of gold and cared for everyone who crossed his path. Some of Michael’s favorite things were cruising the back roads listening to his music, sight seeing in the wilderness and watching the Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. Michael liked to sing, cook, do crosswords, build model cars and beading but his most favorite thing was being around his family and loved ones. Just being surrounded by family meant more to him than anything. He fought the long fight his illness and he will forever be remembered for his strength and courage.

Family that Michael is reunited with are his grandparents; Frank Raisch, Sr., Patsy Headbird and Bill and Pearl Carlson, uncles; Les "Gooman" Headbird, David and James Carlson, Augie Bellanger and Gordon Curt Headbird, aunts; Carol Norcross, Gloria Headbird and Karen Raisch, cousins; Joseph Rueter and Patric Bellanger and family friend; Sharon Enjady.

Those he leaves behind are his son; Warrior James Boswell, mother; Helen Carlson of Walker, father; James Bellanger of Cass Lake, fiancé and love of his life; Gabshi Roper, brothers; James Anderson of Prior Lake, Sheldon Smith of Red Lake, Patrick (Jeanie) Warner, Sr. of Bena, Arnie and Melvin Bellanger of Cass Lake and Waylon Ogeama of Cass Lake, sisters; Angela Steiner of Grand Forks, and Yvonne Bellanger of Walker, special nephew and namesake; Jonathan Michael, step-mother; Cecelia Ogeama, step-children; Steven Josie and Jaymz Bruce, Larissa Dunn and Mikayla Jones, aunts; Carol Blue, Jodie, Lana and Ruth Bellanger, Barb and Connie Carlson, uncles; Frank (Sommer) Raisch, Jr. and Joe Bellanger and Edward Whitefeather, many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A wake for Michael will begin at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, and continue until his funeral services at 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 14 all being held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. Father George Ross will officiate. Pallbearers for Michael are Silas Blue, Steven Bruce, Jr., Richard “Shine” Smith, Tom Adams, Bryan LaGou, Randolph “Buck” Headbird, Pat Warner and Arnie Bellanger. His honorary pallbearers are Travis Raisch, Frank Raisch, Robert “Ole” Carlson, Sr., Tyler Wind, Kiefer Graves, Curtis Morris, Rodney Headbird and Derek Winslow. Interment will be in Prince of Peace Cemetery following Michael’s Friday services.

Michael’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

**Gary Howard**

Gary James Howard age 69, of Cass Lake, passed away and began his journey 5-22-18. He was born on December 9, 1948, to Simon Everette Howard and Dorothy Drouillard.

Gary spent most of his life in the Cass Lake area. He very much enjoyed the outdoors. He danced traditional all his life at any pow-wow he could make it to. He was a man of principle, honesty, loyalty, humor, and proud to be Ojibwe. Gary preferred his privacy. Some of his favorite activities were riding, racing, setting net, being in the forest, traveling to pow-wows with family, reading many books (favorite was history) and playing chess. He was a drummer and a singer at the pow-wows as well. As he grew older, spending time with his family and grandchildren became very important to him. He loved them all very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Simon Everette Howard and Dorothy Drouillard, brothers; Simon Everette Howard, Kenneth Patrick (Poonty) Howard and Michael John Howard, sister Simone Nancy Howard, and niece; Paige Brown and Elaine Molly Fleming.

He wanted cremation and so was done. It was his request to also have a small dinner instead of a wake. The dinner was held 5-30-18 at the Facility Center. I know a lot of you may have wanted to come, but just didn’t know, and for that I am sorry. Gary Howard may be gone, but find comfort in knowing one day we will see him again.

**Patricia Yager**

Patricia Marie Yager (nee Drews), age 68 of Lake Elmo, passed away unexpectedly in Arizona, surrounded by her family on June 14, 2018. Pat was the founder and owner of Circle of Life Anishinaabe / Soaring Eagles Home Care. Preceded in death by her mother Anna Marie Drews, 2 brothers, Gregory W. Craig and Geoffry C. Craig, nephews, Douglas Boxwell Jr. and infant twins Dominic and Samuel Drews. She will be deeply missed by her beloved husband, Raymond Robert Yager; daughter, Don Gerving Jr., Ricky Smith; Stepsons, Mike Yager; Bob (Sena) Yager; grandchildren, Bill Denney, Jon Denney and Landen S.; father, Norman H. Drews; Sr.; sisters, Cynthia (Jim) Shubert, Colleen (Jim) Williams; brother, Butch (Donna) Drews; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral service 11:00 a.m. Monday June 25 at St. Philips Lutheran Church (6180 Hwy 65, Fridley). Visitations 3-6 p.m. Sunday June 24 with a time of sharing at 4:30 PM at Kozlak-Radulovich Blaine Chapel, (107th Ave NE and Hwy 65, Blaine) and one hour before the service at church. Interment Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis.

**Nicholas Brown**

Nicholas Cruz Brown “Mikinaak”, age 30, of St. Paul, began his spiritual journey on Sunday, August 30, 2018 in St. Paul, MN. He was born on September 29, 1987 in Minneapolis, the son of Roxanne (Brown) Keller and Frank Hirsch.

Nick enjoyed fishing, swimming, playing dominoes and spades with his uncle James. He listened to all types of music, especially soul music like B.B. King and Otis Redding. Nick loved karaoke and spending time with his cousins and other family. He watched a lot of movies and was a Minnesota Vikings Fan. His favorite show was Vikings with Ragnar and Bjorn. Nick enjoyed cooking, especially Mexican food, trying various hot sauces. He found great joy in taking care of his dogs and loved his nieces and nephews to pieces. Nick always found humor and laughter in the things he did. “Snapper” will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. The family that Nick joins again are his father Frank Hirsch and his cherished dog, King.Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his mother, Roxanne Brown-Keller; sister, Tina Keller and Zoey; brother, Kenneth Keller; many loving nieces, nephews, Alexia, Jada, Kenny III, Kaiya, Kolsh and Kage, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A wake for Nick will be held at 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 7 and will continue through Saturday, September 8 from 11:00 a.m., to 5:30 p.m., all held at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake. This time will be for gathering, telling stories, singing and visiting. A celebration of his life will be held in the cities at a later date. Pallbearers for Nick will be Kenneth Keller, Jr., Ray, Daniel, Harley, Mishiiki and Walt Brown.

Nick’s care has been entrusted to the Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be given at www.northernpeace.com
Leech Lake Days
JUNE 28 - 29 2018
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court

200 Sailstar Dr. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633
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Honorable Paul W. Day Chief Judge of Tribal Court
Honorable Amber Ahola Associate Judge of Tribal Court

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Emma L. Harper and Roger J. Buck, Parents

Court File No. CP-18-21

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 14, 2018, an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Juana J. Oo Harper and Roger J. Buck, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-05

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on July 25, 2018, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Starr M. Lanstein, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-36

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 4, 2018, a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Alberta White and Trevor Grauman, Parents

Court File No. CP-16-29

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on June 11, 2018, a Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Billie J. Holstein, Parent

Court File No. CP-18-41

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on August 29, 2018, an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Heather TeJohn, Parent

Court File No. CP-18-26

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that on May 23, 2018, an Emergency Child/Family Protection Petition was filed in Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. Please contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for the next hearing date and time. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Yvonne Frances Littlewolf, DOB: 07/08/1936 Decedent

Court File No. CV-16-105

NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Yvonne Frances Littlewolf, died August 7, 2016. A hearing was held before the Honorable Amber Ahola, Associate Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 17, day of July, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by John Joseph Littlewolf, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on July 17, 2018, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, John Joseph Littlewolf, 1168 Grand Ave. Apt. 4, St. Paul, MN 55106 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Yvonne F. Littlewolf, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Per-
LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Ardith Pearl Morrow, DOB: 05/21/1949 Decedent

NOTICE
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Ardith Pearl Morrow, died June 19, 2018. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Sailstar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 13, day of September, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sheena Morrow, surviving child of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on September 13, 2018, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Sheena Morrow, 6332 156th St. NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ardith Morrow, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Joint training exercise will be conducted on Cass Lake and Pike Bay October 3 and 4

We’re partnering with local responders to keep communities safe.

Enbridge and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe are conducting a joint emergency response pipeline exercise on Wednesday, October 3 – Thursday, October 4 on Cass Lake and Pike Bay.

Response personnel from Enbridge and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, local first responders and emergency management personnel along with support contractors will be working together using equipment and techniques to enhance our safety programs.

Our exercise will take place throughout the day of October 3 with set-up and take down through October 4. Access to Cass Lake for recreational use will not be affected. However, access at the Box Factory Landing on Pike Bay will be temporarily closed both days for the safety of the public and responders in the area.

Enbridge is committed to the safety of those who live, work and play near our pipelines. This exercise helps us gain expertise and gives us a chance to work together with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and with other agencies to enhance our safety programs.
Honoring & Celebrating our Elders
July & August Birthdays

District I
July
Betty Motter
Geraldine Howard
Louis Boyd
Ronald Wilson
Edwin Gogleye
Beverly Devault
Doreen Johnson
Spencer Shotley
Terry Gullickson

District II
July
Wanda Evers
Joseph Bibeau
Reuben Gogleye
Donald White
David Cloud
Claudia Lyytinen
Linda Wilson
Paul Wakanaabo
Timothy Holm
Irene Denasha
Yvonne Wilson
Irving Seelye
Russell Bryan Jr.
Cordell Whitebird
Norma Jackson
Ramona Jackson
James Parks

District III*
July
Faron Jackson Sr.
George Jackson
Roberta Jackson
Nancy Kingbird
June Klasar
Birdena Lyons
Terrance Mitchell
Bernice Mitchell-Diver
Gerald Northbird Jr.
Lois Northbird
Bernice Pemberton
Shirley Preston
John Raisch Jr.
Paula Savage
Henry Sherer-Nason
Margaret Steensland
Vern Vannette
Vivian Washington
Robert J. White Sr.

District III*
July
Brenda Anderson
Deborah Brown
Pamela Burnette
Hazel Chase-Zimpel
Darlene Cloud
Oliver Drouillard
David Fairbanks
Elaine Fleming
Delores Gogleye
Corrine Goose
Gladsy Granroos
Manuel Granroos
Francis Guinn Sr.
Jennifer Hanson
Veda Harrison
Sandra Houle
Kari Humphrey
Wilbur Humphrey
Florine Iverson

District III*
August
John Fisherman
Nancy Washington
Linda Gogleye
George Whipple
Donald Headbird
Randolph White
Michael Howard
Daniel Wilson
George Jacobs
cherlene Jenkins
Barbara Johnson
Earl Johnson
Julie Jones
Franklin LaRose
Cheryl Littlewolf
Kevin Locke
Leonard Losh
Donna Morgan

District III*
August
Harlan Anderson
Harry Morris
Yvonne Armstrong
Nancy Patterson
Lenore Barsness
Dallas Pemberton
Janice Bongo
Simone Pemberton
Patricia Broker
Cynthia Reed
Franklin Brown
Robert Robinson
Roger Budreau
David Roy
Harold Budreau
Scott Seelye
Linda Butcher
Donald Smith
Barbara Dubois
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Honoring & Celebrating our Elders
September Birthdays

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Robert Schaff
Leo Gotchie Jr.
Terry Robinson
Myrna Hardy
Ernest Johnson
James Michaud
Marella Dodson
Anthony Bebeau
Diana Sherman

District II

Harold Gogleye
Beatrice Bivens
Shirley Hardy
Joseph Bebeau
Russell Bryan Jr.
David Cloud
Irene Denasha
Wanda Evers

District III*

Melvin Losh
Ruth White
Cheryl Chalich
Robert Losh Sr.
Terrance Hodder
Lavina Marion
Delbert Molash

District III*

Betsy Allen
Michael Smith
Robert Beaudreau
Kimberly St. John
Larry Beaulieu
James White
William Butler
Juanita White
Patricia Cook
Russell White
Jimmy Day

District III*

Patsy Gordon
Margaret Hardy
Thomas Hare
Beverly Hensley
Colleen Hess-Mitchell
John Howard
Janice Hunt
Helen Jacobs
Della Kingbird
Richard Wilson
John Dunn
Louann Wilson

District III*

Ruby Lowry
Marcia Morgan
Dorothy Oakes
Robert Pemberton
Elizabeth Reese
Victoria Reich
Bonnie Rock
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Leech Lake Reservation's 2018-2019
Hunting & Trapping Season Dates/Limits

**BIG GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS**

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<td>September 1, 2018 to January 14, 2019</td>
<td>One (1) Deer Tag per permittee</td>
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<td>Black Bear</td>
<td>September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018</td>
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**SMALL GAME SEASON & SEASONAL LIMITS**

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<td>Rabbits and Squirrels</td>
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<td>Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock, Common Snipe &amp; Sora Rail</td>
<td>September 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018</td>
<td>Daily Bag Limit: Six (6) Possession Limit: Twelve (12)</td>
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<td>Beaver</td>
<td>October 13, 2018 to May 12, 2019</td>
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The fur bearers listed below require LLR trappers to obtain state export tags from the DRM office in Cass Lake. There will be a three (3) day grace period for tagging furs after the end of the season date listed.

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<td>November 17, 2018 to January 31, 2019</td>
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<td>River Otter</td>
<td>October 13, 2018 to April 30, 2019</td>
<td>Four (4)</td>
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<td>Canada Lynx</td>
<td>NO SEASON</td>
<td>This is a federally protected animal. Please report sightings to the DRM Biologist at 218-335-7421.</td>
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**Migratory Waterfowl Season Dates/Limits**

**DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER**

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<td>DUCKS, COOTS, MERGANSER</td>
<td>September 15, 2018 - December 31, 2018</td>
<td>Ten (10) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions: Daily Limit may not contain more than Five (5) Pintails, Five (5) Canvasbacks, and Five (5) Blackducks.</td>
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Possession/Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) in any sex or combination with the exception of the following restrictions - possession/transportation limit may not contain more than Ten (10) Pintails, Ten (10) Canvas backs and Ten (10) Blackducks.

**GEESE – For Hunting Over Land or Water**

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<td>Transportation Limit: Twenty (20) All species, in any sex or combination.</td>
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**General Regulations for the taking of migratory waterfowl**

- The use/possession of lead shot loads when taking migratory game birds within the Leech Lake Reservation is prohibited.
- Shooting Hours - One half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- The use of live decoys or baiting is prohibited.
- The commercial use of migratory game birds is prohibited.
- Waterfowl may not be taken from a watercraft while it is under motorized power.
- Hole in the Bog Lake and Drumbeater Lake are designated Wildlife Refuges and are restricted from any migratory game bird hunting.
- It is advised that all persons have a coast guard approved life saving device (PFD) on board while waterfowl hunting.
Manoominike
S/he rices, harvests wild rice
By Lori Barrow, Leech Lake Tribal College

Manoomin, or wild rice, is a centerpiece of Anishinaabe ceremony, legend, nutrition and sustenance. This year, 16 LLTC students and 6 mentors participated in the traditional harvest on Steamboat Bay on Leech Lake. Using poles, cedar knockers, life jackets, and open hearts, staff and students worked together to load and unload the trailer, haul canoes and equipment to and from the landings, and take part in the honored tradition of harvesting manoomin. As first semester students Mario Ramirez and Emily Ward noted, “This was our first time ricing. It may be a little challenging at first, but it was fun and peaceful...plus you get to keep the rice and eat it!”

The activities didn’t end with the harvest! Despite a steady drizzle, students brought the rice back to campus where they started the process of parching, jigging and winnowing the rice. The day ended with a feast of tasty wild rice soup, butternut squash chili, deer sausage, greens, and sweetened puff pastries. Students will have another chance at parching, winnowing, and hand cleaning soon!

LLTC is proud to provide opportunities like this for our students to learn and practice our Anishinaabe culture, values, language, and knowledge. Both in the classroom and through extracurricular activities, LLTC provides quality higher education grounded in Anishinaabe values.
Forest Management
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Old Growth Connectivity (DV1) — LLBO would like to begin building blocks of ecologically mature forest and, through management, tie these blocks together. Our meetings to date have identified areas with CNF ownership which to increase blocks of functioning old growth that could serve as a starting point to achieve this DVC and move toward a more natural range of variation and larger blocks of mature forest. While these blocks may not currently be considered “old growth” from an ecological sense, they could be in time and be the foundation to build on.

Conifer (DVC7) — Suitable percentages of conifers are missing from many native plant communities or, in cases of plantation origin stands, conifers are too dense and require thinning at earlier ages to allow them to become the large trees that were historically here. This DVC is focused on 2 parts. The first is ecological restoration focused on 20-40 year-old pine plantations. After harvest, pine plantations are planted at tree densities so high that trees are unable to maintain suitable canopy because they are crowding each other. As they grow into the 20-40 age range this results in a Q-tip looking tree rather than the Christmas tree outline usually associated with pine trees along with shading that doesn’t let any other plant grow beneath the thick pines. The second part of this DVC is focused on restoring conifer into stands that aren’t conifer dominated, but historically would have a small component of conifer that is missing.

The last 4 DVC focus on culture and environmental justice. These issues warrant their own DVCs as for many land managers Leech Lake Reservation is one forest of many that they could work at. Decisions made here may not affect their families’ livelihood and future generations. Unlike non-Tribal land managers, Tribal Members lack the ability to leave LLIR to exercise their rights elsewhere. Leech Lake Band Members are tied to their homeland and the decisions that are made here.

DVC3—Impacts to Threatened Endangered Sensitive Species (TES) & Tribal Cultural Properties (TCP) are impacts to Tribe’s cultural identity. Tribal members’ beliefs and practices regard all species of plants and animals as important and in need of protection to enhance their habitats. Previous management activities have reduced federal and tribal threatened and endangered species and Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) utilization opportunities within the Leech Lake Reservation. Loss of species and declines in opportunities to utilize TCP will ultimately result in loss of cultural identity. Some federal and tribal threatened and endangered species and TCP will need special attention if they are to persist. Implicit in this DVC is the continuing need to thoroughly identify federal and tribal threatened and endangered species

DVC5—Protecting the cultural integrity of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Much of the cultural integrity of the LLBO is formed around the relationship to natural processes that occur locally and is tied to the unique qualities and richness of this area. This DVC can be largely achieved through adherence to the ecological DVCs, but may require greater consideration in specific instances. Cultural integrity is very personal and not quantifiable to Forest Service standards. Losing features that generations have shared is a personal loss, and while these losses may occur naturally, it is viewed differently when they are due to management decisions.

DVC2—Protection of scenic corridors. This Chippewa National Forest outlines “Scenic Corridors” through the forest and the criteria that they should meet. This criterion has been historically overlooked so recently there has been renewed vigor by LLDRM to push the CNF to enforce the scenic corridors they have outlined and consider additional tribal high interest areas on a case by case basis.

DVC8—Implementation must correspond with approved action. Trust is earned and is built over time. Historically, some of the decisions reached by the CNF have not been followed, and on-the-ground work does not always match the decision notice. Ensuring work done matches decisions is key to an informed public and management that corresponds with the coordination done to reach such decisions.
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN THE EVENT CENTER » FREE ADMISSION

NOV. 2
7PM
REZ COMEDY NIGHT

NOV. 10
1PM
VETERANS POW WOW

NOV. 16
7PM
KEITH SECOLA

NOV. 17
1PM-4PM
TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH TIME

NOV. 24
1PM & 6:30PM
HOLIDAY POW WOW

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